



Moses was at a crossroads in his life. Would he pursue the so-called comforts of this life or the trials of following God? Are you at the same crossroads? What decisions are you trying to make right now? "Should I surrender to the ministry or should I pursue my love of soccer,

basketball, computers, books, etc.." All of these smaller decisions fall under one larger one. Will I pursue God or the world?

In order to make right decisions about the direction of your life, you must focus on the eternal reward.

We are going to consider some difficult choices that mature followers of Christ must make. They are not the obvious choices from an earthly standpoint, but they are the right choices.

I. Mature followers of Christ choose the path of compassion rather than position. (24)

A. Moses avoided a powerful position.

The reason that Moses avoided a powerful position is not because positions in themselves are wrong, but because he valued something else much more.

B. Moses adopted a compassion for people. It is not clearly stated in Hebrews, but Moses must have refused a potential position of power for a reason. Exodus 2:11 says, "And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: He saw how the Israelites were being mistreated. He looked on the Israelite burdens, and he wanted to do something about it.

II. Mature followers of Christ choose the path of righteousness rather than temporary pleasure. (25)

A. Righteous living will result in adversity.

John 15:18 says, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

B. Temporary pleasure will result in emptiness.

Psalms 16:11 says, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Are you looking for direction in your life? God promises to show you the path of life. His direction is in His presence. Run there! There may be adversity now on earth, but in God's presence there is joy for evermore.

III. Mature followers of Christ choose the path of self-sacrifice over earthly treasure. (26)

A. The "disgrace" that comes with Christ is spiritually valuable.

Moses valued the "worst" that identifying with God's people has to offer as more valuable than the best the world has to offer.

B. The treasure that comes with the world is spiritually dangerous.

It distracts us from what really matters. How can you and I make the choice that Moses made? The reward that is offered to you through Jesus is better than what this world offers you! You must focus on the eternal reward like Moses did.

IV. Mature followers of Christ choose the path of fearing the invisible King of Kings rather than the visible kings of earth. (27)

A. Moses did not fear the power of man.

B. Moses feared the power of God.

In order to make right decisions about the direction of your life, you must focus on the eternal reward. You cannot make decisions about the path of your life by flipping a coin or throwing a stick in the air. Are you at a crossroads in your life? You must pursue God or the world. There are tough decisions to be made. Mature followers of Christ choose compassion, righteousness, self-sacrifice, and the fear of the Lord rather than the pleasures of this world. The reward is much greater.